



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 2: 23rd September 2016



Friends of Southridge, Thank you to those of you who attended the A.G.M. this week. The committee are beginning to plan the Christmas Fair and would appreciate any offers of help both before and on the day. If you are able to help please email: southridgefirstpta@gmail.com.

The PTA are a great support to our school and last year their fundraising efforts helped to enrich the curriculum for the children by contributing towards trips and themed days, Christmas treats for each class, the purchase of books and class resources. We are also delighted that they have been able to fund the cost of replacing three interactive whiteboards in the classrooms with interactive touch screens.



Jeans for Genes Day
Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

Jeans for Genes Day - Thank you for all your generous donations today. We will let you know how much we raised to support initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders.

Year 2 Visit to St Mary's Lighthouse - 30th September. Please check school bags for more information.

Year 3 Archaeological Workshop – 28th September. Archaeologists from Archaeosoup will visit Year 3 for a Stone Age Day. They will experience an overview of Prehistory in Britain, using archaeological evidence.

Their journey will begin in the *Palaeolithic*, during the height of the last Ice Age and move through the *Mesolithic*; into an age of monuments and farming, then the *Neolithic* and beyond to the time of Stonehenge, the *Bronze Age*. It is also a chance for them to look at the how and why things changed over time. Thank you to the PTA who have made a contribution towards this event.

Harvest - Our Harvest Festival is taking place on Thursday October 13th.

Parents of children in Reception class are welcome to stay on at drop off time in the morning on Thursday 13th to listen to the children sing their Harvest songs. We will begin at 9.15 in the hall. (As we will have lots of children in the hall and space is tight, we would ask that **only one parent** per Reception child attend please).



This year we are again asking families to help us support a local charity 'The Bay Foodbank'. This charity aims to provide emergency food provision to individuals and families experiencing financial crisis due to bereavement, benefit delay, illness, redundancy etc. For more information go to www.thebayfoodbank.org.uk. The Bay Food Bank would be extremely grateful for donations of tinned and dried foods e.g. pasta, pasta sauce, rice, vegetables, tuna, breakfast cereal, dried milk, tea bags,

sugar, biscuits, cooking sauces, rice pudding etc. **Children may bring in their donations from Monday October 10th please.**

KS1 Autumn Assembly - On October 13th at 3pm children in Year 1 and 2 would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a short assembly at the end of the school day.

KS2 Autumn Assembly - On October 14^h at 9.15am children in Year 3 and 4 would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a short assembly.

Census Day - On Thursday 6th October Tracy our school cook will make a 'Harvest Dinner'. Children may choose two courses from a choice of soup & a roll / roast dinner / apple crumble. If your child does not have a school lunch and would like to sign up for one they can do so via www.joinos.com

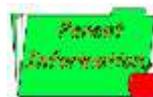
After School Clubs - THANK YOU to Mrs Reilly in our school office - she does a fabulous job organising this mammoth task and allocating over 1,000 club places across the school for 300 children!

Reminders:

Change of date: the Christmas disco date has been changed and this will now take place on 13th December.

Our school site is NO SMOKING, both in the building and on the playground. This includes the use of e-cigarettes on the playground.

Our Child Protection Policy has been updated and a copy is available on the school website.



Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2016

OCTOBER	
6th	School Census Day - Harvest Lunch
6th	National Poetry Day
12th	Local Democracy Event - Cobalt - Mrs Rosario and Year 3 and 4 School Council members 9.30 -11.30
13th	Harvest Festival - for Reception Parents - one adult per child
20th	School Disco G Force Disco Year 1 -2 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 6.15pm -7.15pm
21st	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day - dress up as an Egyptian
21st	BREAK UP - HALF-TERM
NOVEMBER	
31 st October	Return to School Clubs start this week for 5 weeks
	Year 1 Pirate Day - to launch new topic
7 th and 8 th	Parent's Evening - Pupil Progress Updates - Reception to Year 4 - 3.45pm - 5.45pm Nursery - 9.00am - 10.00am OR 1.00pm - 2.00pm and 3.45pm to 5.45pm
14 - 18 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins
14th	High Borrans Residential - meeting for Year 4 parents - 5.30pm in school hall
18 th	Children in Need
24th	Year 1, 2 & 3 - Flu Vaccination Programme.
DECEMBER	
1st	Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm
2 nd	Christmas Fayre
6 th	Year 3 Performance 2pm
7 th	Year 2 Performance 2pm
9 th	Early Years Performance - Reception and Nursery - 9.30am and 2pm
13 th	Christmas Lunch
13th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Disco 5 - 6pm Year 3 & 4 6.15 -7.15pm
14 th	Year 1 Performance 2pm
15 th	Party Day
16th	BREAK UP

January 3rd 2017- Staff return to School - Teacher Training Day

January 4th 2017 - Pupils return to school